

# ***Division of Long Term Supports and Services Bureau of Developmental Services***

**Rate Structure Work Group  
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# Goals

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## Goals for 12/09 Meeting

1. Review the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS): What is the Assessment and What Were the Sample Objectives
2. Review SIS Data
3. Update on Cost Reports
4. Next Steps

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**This structure ensures that the Department can engage a diverse group of stakeholders in substantive dialogue while also providing transparency and general updates to the general public.**

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# Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Assessment

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- The SIS assessment is a person-centered planning tool which helps to identify the supports someone may need to achieve their goals.
- The SIS is a strength-based person-centered assessment which evaluates and measures activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living.
- For additional information about the SIS, please see the fact sheet on the Department's website at: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/disability-care/developmental-services/bds-systems-work/systems-work-summer-2022>.



# SIS Sample Objectives

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- The Department is using the SIS as part of the development of the new reimbursement rates for certain services.
- The Department had two goals as part of the SIS data collection efforts:
  - Only those individuals who were due for a SIS assessment would be contacted; individuals who just completed an assessment were not asked to redo their assessment.
  - A representative sample was needed to ensure data collected was from individuals across the state with varying levels of need.



# SIS Sample Objectives- Continued

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- SIS assessments conducted as part of the rate setting work will be used to help the Department better understand individual needs and the intensity of those needs across the state.
- Data collected from SIS assessments included in the sample may be used to inform service levels.
  - **At this time, no decisions have been made on what recommended service levels may be.**
  - **There are some waiver services which may not result in differing service levels. Examples may include: environmental modifications or assistive technology devices.**



# Review of SIS Data

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- Universe of individuals for whom a SIS assessment could have been sampled: 1,157
- Number of individuals included in SIS sample: 400
- Number of individuals who were not included in final sample: 757
- Was sample statistically valid: Yes
- Start and End Dates of Data Collection: June 2022 – November 2022



# Review of SIS Data- Continued

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## Number of SIS assessments included in sample, by region

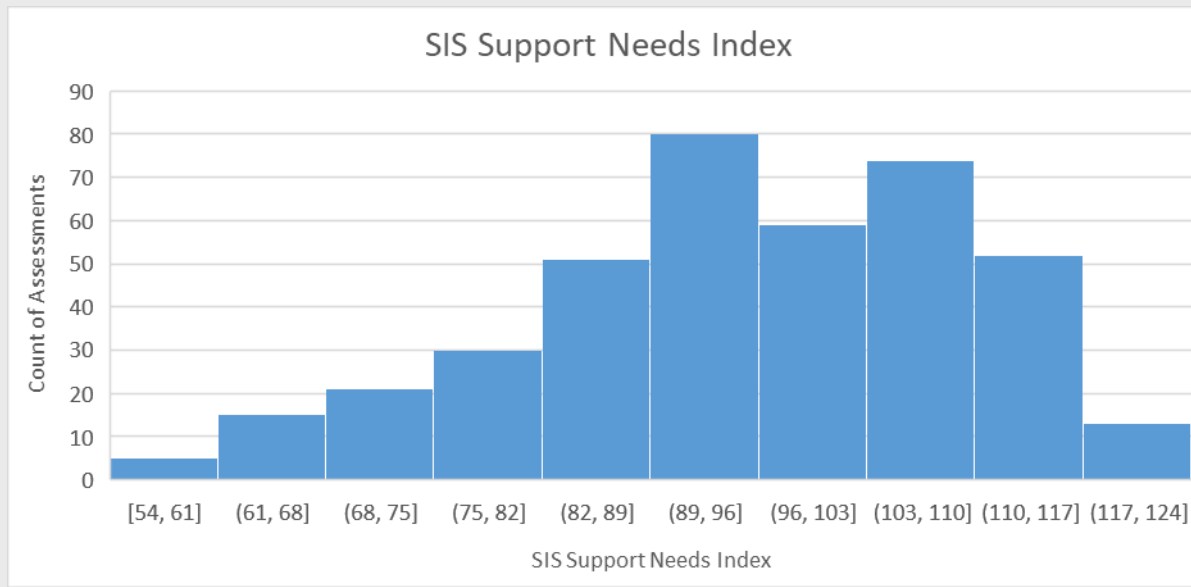
- AA Region 1: 36
- AA Region 2: 27
- AA Region 3: 31
- AA Region 4: 53
- AA Region 5: 36
- AA Region 6: 57
- AA Region 7: 59
- AA Region 8: 34
- AA Region 9: 34
- AA Region 10: 33



# Review of SIS Data- Continued

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- The Support Needs Index is an overall summary score of the SIS.
- A score of 100 indicates average support needs, normalized to a nationwide sample.
- The average score in the NH SIS sample was 95.7, indicating that the sample is roughly in line with the nationwide sample.





# Review of SIS Data- Continued

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- What the SIS data tells us:
  - The SIS gives us measures of service needs for an individual in terms of overall support needs, behavior, and medical.
  - The SIS gives us independent ways of estimating how intense of a service a person would need.
- How the SIS data may be used by the Department in the future:
  - SIS data will be used to inform service levels for appropriate services in combination with historical services and cost report information.
  - The SIS data will be used to help create more objective estimates of service intensity for services individuals have received and will receive.



# Update on Cost Reports

- Based on feedback from the Rate Work Group, the deadline for an Area Agency (AAs) or a provider vendor to submit a cost report for waiver services was extended from November 1, 2022 to December 7, 2022.
- As of December 7, Myers and Stauffer has received an additional 8 cost reports.
- Myers and Stauffer has 37 cost reports from provider vendors representing a range of small to large sized agencies.
- All AAs submitted cost reports for services.



# Questions?



# Next Steps



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## SIS

- The Department will continue to evaluate the collected SIS data.
- Once a full analysis of the SIS data is complete, we will share additional information with the Rate Work Group.
- This will include discussions with the Rate Work Group on how Members see SIS data potentially being used in future development of service rates.



# Next Steps

## Service Rates

- Myers and Stauffer continues to review cost report information.
- We are in receipt of 37 cost reports. This is an increase of 8 from the last Rate Work Group Meeting update on 11/18/22.
- Anticipate discussing preliminary service rate methodologies in early 2023.
- Upcoming Rate Work Group Include:
  - How cost report information is used for rates
  - Discussion of direct support professional qualifications
  - Start discussing service specific rates



